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Aaron Glenane

THAT HAS been a sky-rocketing start into the acting world for former Ballarat man Aaron Glenane, who plays Gus in the new Australian surf film *Drift*.

The 27-year-old said acting had always played a huge role in his life, with his role in *Drift* affirming his love.

"I first got on stage – and loved it – in the 2001 show of *Oliver* for BLOC," Aaron said. "I've been reminded that I did always enjoy dress-ups and making my own radio shows like Robin Williams in *Good Morning Vietnam*.

"I felt at home (on *Drift*), like this is what I am meant to be doing."

"Working with (actors) Sam (Worthington), Xavier (Samuel) and Myles (Pollard) was fantastic. When I first met them, straight away we were talking about our ideas for the scenes and how we could best make them work. There was no ego – it was purely about the acting."

It seems this is only the beginning for Aaron, who has a guest role in the upcoming ABC mini-series *Janet King* and is also writing a TV comedy with friends.

THE INFO

Born: May 4, 1986, in Ballarat.

Occupation: Actor/filmmaker.

Family: Mum (Trish), Dad (Gerard), sisters Teagan and Keziah, and brother Tim.

Interests: All music except death metal and hardcore trance, live performance, Essendon, getting out and exploring the planet, and Kez's work, Nibble and Natter.

My earliest memory is... having the time of my life playing in a trailer full of warm fertiliser that my dad was carting for the farm. Mmm, chicken poo.

When I was a child, I wanted to be... Michael Jordan's best friend.

My parents always said... if you don't have anything nice to say, don't say it at all.

My greatest moment in my life was... landing the role of Gus in *Drift*.

In four words, I am... determined, shy, passionate, goofy.

I wish I'd never worn... a jock strap for ballet class.

Cat or dog? Dog, but cats when they're old are cool.

I often wonder... wouldn't it be awesome to turn off gravity for just one day.

When I want to spoil myself, I... have a nice candlelit bath with a six-pack of beer and the door open for the Bombers game.

The first thing I reach for on a Sunday morning is... my alarm waking me up to go and pour beers or make coffee at work.

My pet dislike is... arrogance.

The hardest thing I've done in life is... say goodbye to my nan.

My ideal day would be spent... on set filming with the best actors in the world.

If I could change one thing in the world, it would be... people's irrational and illogical desire to hurt one another.

After life, there is... a life for your soul. I love... my birthday present – a onesie. I'm still a man though.

In life, I have learned... that human connection is more valuable than anything else in the world.

I can't live without... my rundown 1990 Ford Laser, Bebe.

Before I die, I would love to... jump out of a plane tandem with Emma Watson.

If I could invite any five people to dinner, they would be... the Dalai Lama, James Hird, Michael Jordan, Emma Stone and Mr Bean.

The meaning of life is... to experience as much as possible.

If I could be anyone else for a day, I would be... Ryan Gosling.

I'm passionate about... moving people through my acting and igniting thoughts and ideas for change – and Milo.

A movie and song that inspires me is... *I Am Sam*, and *Sometimes* by Michael Franti and Spearhead.

If only I could... cook my nan's beef and dumpling stew with veggies, followed by apple slice. Life would be complete.



That's life

With
Fiona
Henderson

TWO of my colleagues announced their pregnancies a day apart recently.

For one, it will be her second baby and the maternal glow has a slightly more realistic gleam to it.

The other is having her first and is constantly amazed at the things she didn't know about being pregnant.

So Chloe, 13 years and 354 days after having my last child, here is my sage advice to you.

1. If you have an innie, it will eventually become an outie. In your third trimester, people will hold entire conversations with your belly button five minutes before you even walk in the room.

2. Choose a pram not for comfort or speed or pretty patterns, but for your ability to put it up and down. Nothing screams new mum like driving around

Ballarat with an open pram sitting in your boot. (Trust me, I should know.) If you have to click this, pull that and hold your mouth at just this angle, you will eventually attack that pram in a sleep-deprived rage in a busy shopping centre.

3. Quietly dispose of the tiny Melbourne footy jumper and booties your husband has already bought the baby. Bullying can start at a very young age.

4. Pre-natal classes aren't for the faint hearted. You will watch videos that make *Nightmare on Elm Street* look like a chick flick. That's all I'm saying.

5. Diamonds are not a girl's best friend, epidurals are.

And 6. There is no feeling in the world like having your baby placed in your arms. Oh, and just remember to make sure I'm first on the speed dial.

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